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Sunday, February 25, 2024 - At 1:57 p.m., the Horseshoe Bay Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 1305 Stagecoach, also known as the historic Fuchs' House. The first unit on scene reported heavy fire on a two-story, approximately 3300 square foot historical home. The roof was totally involved in fire with heavy fire showing on the other two floors. The incident commander requested the south-end task force, including Marble Falls, Granite Shoals, and Spicewood units. Due to the heavy fire involvement of the structure, the threat of structural collapse, and the age of the structure, the fire was fought defensively. The fire was brought under control at approximately 4:17 pm. Over 30 Firefighters, Paramedics, and Police Officers responded to this incident.

The fire was determined to be accidental due to embers from a permitted control burn that reached the wood shake roof. The building is considered a total loss. A dollar value for the loss has yet to be determined.

The Horseshoe Bay Fire Department would like to thank the following agencies that responded to and assisted in the extinguishment of the fire:

- Horseshoe Bay Police Department
- Marble Falls Fire Department
- Marble Falls Area Volunteer Fire Department
- Marble Falls Area Emergency Medical Services
- Granite Shoals Fire Department
- Spicewood Fire Department

History of the Fuchs' House

Conrad L. Fuchs, born in Germany in 1834, came to Texas in 1845 with his parents, Pastor and Mrs. Adolf Fuchs, who settled in Austin County. The Fuchs family moved into this area of Burnet County in 1853. In 1861, Conrad Fuchs married Anna E. Perlitz at Black Jack Springs, in Fayette County, and soon returned to move into a log cabin on this property, which was granted to him by the State of Texas on May 15, 1862. When Fuchs decided to join the Confederate Army, he took his wife back to Fayette County, and enlisted in an artillery unit.

After the Civil War, he returned here and built a steam grist and saw mill on nearby Tiger Creek. On Sept. 2, 1872, the "Tiger Mill" Post Office was opened, and Conrad Fuchs was named postmaster. Located on the Burnet-Willow City Road, Tiger Mill became the community center for the early settlers in this area. In the late 1870s or early 1880s, Conrad Fuchs built this house to accommodate the post office and his growing family of six children. It was constructed of field stone in the pioneer German style, with a large central hall, shingled roof, and plastered interior. Mrs. Fuchs held school for area children in the home. After Conrad Fuchs' death, Feb. 16, 1898, Mrs. Fuchs sold the property. The house was restored in 1972-73.

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Picture 1 – Heavy Fire Streams from the fire at 1305 Stagecoach.



Picture 2 – Heavy Fire Streams from the house at 1305 Stagecoach



Picture 3 – Marble Falls Fire Department Truck 1 is shown extinguishing the fire at the house at 1305 Stagecoach.